

JOB OPPORTUNITY
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES (DMHAS)
WESTERN CONNECTICUT MENTAL HEALTH NETWORK (WCMHN)

RECOVERY SUPPORT SPECIALIST {RSS} – WC110882
(Possible under fill as Recovery Support Specialist Trainee {RSST})

PLEASE FOLLOW THE SPECIFIC APPLICATION FILING INSTRUCTIONS AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE!

Open To: Public
Location: Behavioral Health Home / Danbury Area Office
Job Posting No: WC110882
Hours: Monday-Friday – 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – 40 Hours/Week
Salary Range: RSS \$43,043 to \$58,354
RSST \$41,133 to \$55,877
Posting Date: May 20, 2015 **Closing Date:** May 26, 2015

General Experience: RECOVERY SUPPORT SPECIALIST: Six (6) months experience as a Recovery Support Specialist Trainee.
*RECOVERY SUPPORT SPECIALIST TRAINEE: Completion of the Recovery Support Specialist Certification.

Special Requirements:

1. Incumbents in this class must possess and maintain Recovery Support Specialist Certification. **THIS CERTIFICATION MUST BE SENT IN WITH APPLICATION.**
2. Incumbents are required to possess and maintain a current/valid Motor Vehicle Operator's license. Travel to multiple WCMHN sites and to Middletown/Hartford as needed.

Working Conditions: Incumbents in this class may be required to lift and restrain clients and may have significant exposure to communicable and/or infectious diseases, strongly disagreeable conditions and risk of injury.

***Career Progression:** After completion of six (6) months of successful and satisfactory performance as a Recovery Support Specialist Trainee, an incumbent will be moved to the Recovery Support Specialist classification, HN 14, Step 1 (on the first pay period following the completion of the six (6) month requirement).

Duties: The Recovery Support Specialist for the Behavioral Health Home Initiative will assist persons in their personal journey in recovery to achieve their hopes, dreams, and wishes. Work with persons to identify their top priorities for recovery and assist them in their development of skill building, community networking, and activities to reach those goals. Provide skill instruction, information and support that will assist someone in their recovery management and integration into the community. Assists clients in identifying and exercising their rights; participates in assigned rehabilitative interventions to meet clients' needs and goals. Provide observations to the person and the clinical support team with respect to rehabilitative interventions to assist the person in meeting their recovery goals. Utilizes client centered approaches when working with a person. Provide outreach, engagement, and interventions as identified through the recovery planning process. May assist with a person's integration into the community by providing support for attendance at self-help meetings, medical appointments, and use of public transportation. Will provide transportation and outreach for clients enrolled in the Health Home Initiative. Document in the medical record in accordance with the policies and procedures of WCMHN. May provide psycho educational interventions to enrolled clients about recovery practices as it relates to medical conditions under the direction of a nurse. Usage/knowledge of computer software for documentation and training purposes. Requires traveling to healthcare providers in the Danbury catchments area and to meetings in Middletown/Hartford as needed.

Working Conditions: Incumbents in this class may be required to lift/restrain clients/patients; may have some exposure to communicable/infectious diseases and to some risk of injury from assaultive/abusive clients/patients; may be exposed to disagreeable conditions.

Note: The filling of this position will be in accordance with reemployment, SEBAC, transfer, promotion and merit employment rules, if applicable.

Application Instructions: Due to the large number of lateral transfer forms and applications received, it is extremely important to note the **Position Number (found on the posting)** on the DMHAS Lateral Transfer Request Form (**upper right-hand corner**) and at the bottom of Page One of the State of Connecticut Application for Examination or Employment (CT-HR-12). The DMHAS Lateral Transfer Request Form, State of Connecticut Application for Examination or Employment (CT-HR-12) and postings can be found on the DMHAS website at www.ct.gov/dmhas - Employment Opportunities

To be considered for this position:

1. **DMHAS employees who are lateral transfer candidates=Recovery Support Specialist** - must submit a completed DMHAS Lateral Transfer Form. Lateral Transfer Request Forms received without a position number will not be processed
2. **DMHAS employees who are promotion/demotion candidates** must submit pages 1-7 of the State of Connecticut Application for Examination and Employment (CT-HR-12). The position number must be noted at the bottom of Page One of the State of Connecticut Application (CT-HR-12).
3. **All Other Candidates:** Individuals must complete a State Employment Application for Examination and Employment (CT-HR-12). Resumes and Curriculum Vitae can be provided as supplemental information but will only be accepted if attached to a fully completed application. The position number must be noted at the bottom of Page One of the State of Connecticut Application (CT-HR-12).

PLEASE SEND APPLICATIONS TO:

Email: Julie.Roy@ct.gov

OR

Fax: (203) 805-6440

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